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Easton, California, Dedicates New Church

The Immanuel Lutheran congregation at Easton, California (near Fresno) was dedicated Sunday May 5th, h President William Larsen officiating.

The congregation was organized in 1888, and it is one of the oldest in Pacific District. It has some 400 tized members. The Rev. O. V. Magnussen is the present pastor.

News and Notes

DEDICATION OF CHURCH AT SHELBY, IOWA

The new edifice of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Shelby, Iowa, was dedicated Sunday, April 28th. The day started with a sermon delivered to the Sunday School by Pastor Kenneth H. Petersen, our present pastor. At 11:00 A.M. our immediate past pastor, Chaplain Stanley Carlsen, of Albany, Georgia, delivered the sermon. We were happy that he and his family could be with us.

At 3:00 P.M. dedication service was opened with Pastor William Larsen of Blair, Nebr., President of the U. E. L. C. standing at the door of the church where he read an invocation. Pastor Larsen and Pastor Videbeck, followed by Pastor Petersen, the visiting pastors, and the church council moved slowly into the church during the reading of Psalm 122.

Scripture selections for the church dedication were read by Pastor Gerlt of Avoca, Iowa, of the American Lutheran Church, Pastor Petersen of Persia of the United Lutheran Church. Many pastors from the United Evangelical Lutheran Church were present and participated. Other pastors from the community honored us with their presence. Pastor William Larsen delivered the dedicatory sermon and the choir sang a fitting anthem. The Junior choir had sung at a service earlier in the day.

The chairman of the congregation, Mr. Reuben Iversen, read greetings that were received including greetings from Dr. J. M. T. Winther, now in Japan; Pastor and Mrs. C. Justesen of Fresno, Calif., Pastor and Mrs. C. Kloth of Portland, Oregon. These were former pastors of this congregation. Many beautiful flower offerings were sent by many friends. A fellowship luncheon was served in the church basement following both afternoon and evening services.

Pastor Irving Tange of Rolfe, Iowa, also a former pastor, was here together with his wife and family. He delivered the message at the evening service on "Foundations for the Future."

This was a great day of rejoicing for this congregations and its friends. We now have an enlarged and beautiful church for which we are grateful. Ground-breaking ceremonies were on August 12, 1956 under the l ship of Pastor Stanley Carlsen. of the planning and actual con tion was done by members o congregation during a five month iod when the congregation ha resident pastor. Total cost, n cluding contributions of many church fixtures and a great d volunteer labor, was about $ The church has been completel modeled, an additional 36 feet to the church, including a new two additional stairways to the ment, a pastor's study with a joining waiting room, a comp equipped kitchen, ladies lounge, a least seven rooms are availabl Sunday School classes. Additiona pews and a new organ have purchased. Art-glass windows been added.

The present church had its b ning when two congregations, Ge and Danish, united here in 1925. our new church building be of usefulness and joy to all in yea come. Pastor Kenneth Petersen family came to Shelby, Iowa February, 1957. Installation se were held February 24, 1957 Pastor C. M. Videbeck, District dent, officiating.

Exira, Iowa. The congregati the Exira Lutheran church exte a farewell to their departing p and family the Rev. and Mrs. St Larsen, David, Stephen and Jane Friday evening in the church rooms.

The evening entertainment inc songs by the various departmen the Sunday school, two poems by Wesley Foss; a vocal solo by Sorensen, accompanied by his bro Charles; accordion solo by Ba Bro; two piano solos, Janet And and Roger Hansen; and a song b High School quartet.

Individual gifts to the pastor his family came from the va men's, women's, Sunday School, young people's organizations a purse of money was presented the entire congregation. Harold S vold, president of the congrega made the congregational presenta Both Pastor Larsen and Mrs. L expressed appreciation and thank

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urch News from here and there

S WORK TO START SOON I LUTHERAN HYMNAL

s work will be started soon new hymnal that will serve than 5,000,000 Lutherans in church bodies.

l proofs on the last of the ymns have just been read, ac- g to Dr. E. E. Ryden, secre- f the hymnal commission of ational Lutheran Council.

wn as the Service Book and al of the Lutheran Church in ca, the book is scheduled for ation by Easter of next year. vas nearly 12 years ago that was begun on the hymnal. Lutheran bodies, the American ran, Augustana Lutheran, Ev- cal Lutheran and United Lu- Churches, sent delegates to rst meeting in Philadelphia in of 1945.

e then the Lutheran Free h, Suomi (Finnish) Synod, ican Evangelical Lutheran and Evangelical Lutheran hes have become participants project.

Ryden predicted the first ng will be for half a million . He said this would probably e largest printing of its kind nerican history.

will be a very cosmopolitan al, with many nations repre- ," Dr. Ryden said. "Each of ght participating church bodies s own particular heritage from e, and each has suggested what siders the best of its tradi-

hymnal will have songs of an, Swedish, Norwegian, Dan- innish and Icelandic origin, e number of folk songs from e and one Negro spiritual.

STERS HEAR ATTACK ON LAVISH FUNERALS

many persons have lavish ls their families can't afford, ev. Steen Whiteside told the e Ministerial Association at e, Oregon.

Episcopal minister said he a Ford and can see no reason he dies "to park my carcass in a Cadillac." He said burial is no time for a family to be held up to a standard of cost which the deceased never had.

The propriety and economics of present-day funeral practices came under close scrutiny by the ministers at their meeting. Eugene is Oregon's second largest city.

Other ministers were critical of funeral parlor lighting effects on open caskets, which they said, takes emphasis away from the word of God.

One pastor said he thought music requested for funerals sometimes was in poor taste.

The Rev. Ingward Olsen, a Lutheran, said ministers are happier when a memorial is given in place of flowers.

LUTHERANS SENT MISSIONARIES TO 17 COUNTRIES LAST YEAR

At St. Paul, Minn. a total of 233 missionaries were sent to 17 countries in 1956 by American Lutheran bodies.

This was reported by Dr. Andrew S. Burgess, professor of missions at Luther Theological Seminary. He said the missionaries represented nine Lutheran church bodies and two church-related agencies in North America.

Of those who went out last year, 109 were on their first mission assignment and 124 returned to their stations after furloughs.

Dr. Burgess said the total number of Lutheran missionaries from North America is now 1,623. He estimated that foreign missions expenditures in 1956 amounted to $5,242,183.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church has the largest number of missionaries overseas with 302. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has 295; the United Lutheran Church in America, 280; the American Lutheran, 244; and the Augustana Lutheran Church, 185.

A Unique Easter Service
Ruskin, Nebr., B. J. Engskow, Pastor

The Pastor, Sunday School Teachers and children, parents, and both choirs cooperated to proclaim the Easter Message at Bethany once again in a particularly inspiring manner. The service began Easter morning with an Easter Preludium by the organist, Mrs. Harold Hansen, followed by a vocal solo, "Were You There?" by Miss Violet Hansen. The Junior Choir entered and took their places singing "How Fittingly the Lillies Adorn the Easter Cross." The younger Sunday School children including the three year olds entered one by one each with a bouquet to place on a large Cross at the altar. When the last bouquet was in place, the Cross was decorated. Then the Senior Choir entered and took their places singing "Christ is Risen." The congregation joined in the hymn. The regular service followed with an anthem by the Senior Choir followed by the Pastor's message, "Easter Eternal."

Easter Sunday evening, a Cantata, "The Conquering Christ" directed by Pastor Engskow was beautifully presented by Bethany's Senior Choir. Approximately 30 people helped with the Cantata. Mrs. Glen Schiermeyer is the accompanist.

Sunday, April 28 Marius Goldbeck, brother of Pastor William Goldbeck, died in a Superior Hospital following a long illness. Since his wife's death he had lived in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chirs Houtwed, who had tenderly cared for him. Funeral services were conducted at Bethany Lutheran Church May 1, burial was in Spring Creek Cemetery.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

During the L. W. F. Convention a leadership luncheon for all who are interested in promoting women's work will be held at the Leamington Hotel on Saturday, August 17, at 12:30 noon. Guests will be leaders of women's work in all the Lutheran countries of the world and we hope will include a great many of our American women also. Price of the luncheon is $2.00 and all reservations must be sent in by August 1 to the LDR office. Reservations must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a check or money order made payable to LDR. Tickets will be mailed out.

Mrs. H. C. Baker will lead the discussion on these four points: What are we seeking to achieve? How are we seeking to achieve our goals? How far have we come in achieving them? What are our plans for the future?

HOOVER REPORTS 1956 WORST YEAR FOR JUVENILE CRIME

Juvenile delinquency increased nearly 20 per cent in 1956 over the previous year, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation reported. He said 1956 was the worst year for juvenile crime in the 26 years the FBI has

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Editorials and Comments

PASTORS WRITE ABOUT YOUTH WORK

We print the rest of the articles about Luther League Work in this issue. They were all written by U.E.L.C. pastors. They were asked to let their hair down, and so we print the articles without their names.

First let us say that most of them were very careful. They have not written anything spectacular. According to them it seems as if Luther League has a few problems, but they are not too difficult.

We almost feel after reading the articles, that Luther League work in our synod is just fine.

One pastor makes the remark that much Luther League work is glorified baby sitting. Perhaps there is something to his remark.

What are we doing about it?

The newly created youth office with a full time director seems to be well received. If we have not been too sympathetic editorially to such an office we better apologize.

As you read the articles you will find the Luther League's main difficulty is the competition it faces from the school and other organizations. This is no doubt right. We talked to one father some time ago, who said that his child could not always make it to league, because it was also important that the child has some home life.

We agree that this is important. But we also ask the question if it would not be possible to make the choice of elimination elsewhere? Why should the church be the one to yield rather than some of the other things. Perhaps the league could be used to teach the youngsters to put first things first. Make them give up a game in favor of Luther League!

The pastor who writes that the Luther League is not as important as it is made to be, may also have a point. He says that even though the young people drop out of league, they generally come back as good church members when they get married. That is something that must not be overlooked.

The suggestion that we work within a very limited age group is certainly true. The youngsters develop very fast during that time. At 14 they may not know how to behave, and at 16 they may be little gentlemen who do not want to associate with some rowdy kids two years younger.

One man says that it works best when the leaguers are in full charge of everything. We feel sure this is the ideal situation. But sometimes this means that nothing is done at all. We believe that even an average Luther League demands constant watching.

The pastor who says that the best way is to have so many mature young people in the league that counsellors are not needed, may also have something. The principle that young people of Christian character should be able to do most for the others, is certainly the right one. But these young people go off to college at the age of 17 or they get married at the age of 18.

Comparing the Luther League with the other zations of the congregation, such as the women's and the men's work, it may be that we are not do bad.

Synodically we must say that we are doing thing we can. We have a full time youth directo have two pages dedicated to youth every week Ansgar Lutheran with a special editor in charge of

The Luther League is getting more attention tha other part of the synodical work. With the two weekly publicity and with all the efforts put in league we may say that more money and more are on that part of the work than on even raisi synodical budget. Yes, the work of the league well cared for in every respect.

Other functions are the international convention district conventions and the regional rallies.

We do thank the pastors who wrote so willing some one has other ideas about the problem, we be glad to hear from them in the form of letters haps some lay people would like to express their

THE NEED FOR MARTYRS!

Dr. Carl E. Lund-Quist, executive secretary of L an World Federation recently spoke to the Minn Ministerial Association and said that East Germ Heartland of Protestantism—holds the key to the val of the organized church in Europe and Asia.

"If the Church is destroyed in East Germany, little hope for the survival of the organized C against totalitarianism anywhere.

"I wish American Protestants would be a little understanding and appreciative of the struggl Church in East Germany is waging against Comm

"It is the one bright spot in Europe where the C is still witnessing to the faith. Its record against and Communism is one of the strongest things su ing our Christian faith."

The LWF executive painted a "pessimistic" of the Protestant Church in many parts of the wo

In Russian satellite countries, the Protestant C he said, has worked under some serious handicaps

"We were not united.

"Protestant churches have guilty consciences w comes to improving social and political condition

"There is the strange phenomenon that the Pro Church in Eastern Europe hasn't produced any m . . . so few people willing to resist."

Pointing out that the doors for missionary wo closing in many parts of the world, Dr. Lund-Qui it may be necessary to find some other term "missions" to help the native churches in their v for Christ.

Non-Christian forces, he said, have succeeded i ing "western colonialism" with "western Christi to the extent that the Christian church is susp many places in the world.

He indicated that American diplomatic recogni Red China and admission of Red China to the Nations might help the cause of Christian missi that country.

Dr. Lund-Quist, who visited Hungary recentl Reformed churches in that country are passing th a period of heavy persecution similar to that enced by Lutheran churches in 1948.

ur Foreign Mission Fields

Edited by Rev. K. R. Jensen
Viborg, South Dakota

FAITH AND THE TROWEL

By A. C. Morck

(Work begins on the educational unit in Sogamoso, arousing the expected Roman Catholic opposition. Public opinion in Liberal Sogamoso, however, remains unruffled and expresses itself rather in a tacit approval of our building project.)

cious lot in Sogamoso (Spanish adaptation of xi," Chibcha for "City of the Sun") owned by the os," became the scene of activity in January. Truck gravel, sand, and bricks were dumped on it. Spades the virgin sod as excavation for footings began.

ction, eagerly awaited by the "Luteranos," brought t reaction from another camp. Once more, organized proved a persecutor of the Church of Jesus Christ. ocal Roman Catholic octopus began moving its in a maneuver to enlist public opinion and action the Lutheran building project. A formal petition the work was placed before the City Council; the aper tried to incite the peasant element into stoning; were directed at anyone who might venture to the building project or sell materials to the os." One of the priests placed a petition in the a young chap who plays in the R. C. Church structing him to get signatures to stop the building The young man, we are told (by reliable sources), o comply with duty by asking a friend to sign. e a fool," he was told. And that seems to have end of the petition.

ne submitted to the City Council would not even a reading according to what a member of the told a prominent member of our congregation.

e threats, and expecting only the "going wages," en than we can employ come to ask for work. materials are offered, even on time.

gain, we have felt humbly akin to Nehemiah and nt workers who wielded simultaneously the trowel and the sword while the Lord watched over them and caused their work to prosper. To Him be the thanks and praise.

Thanks also to you in North America who read this, remembering us in prayer, and whose gifts have made it possible to build these walls to His glory. The building will provide needed space for school and worship as well as student dormitories and living quarters for present staff. (Future plans include a church and parsonage.)

Girls only will be admitted to the boarding school in present rented quarters this year. The boys will have to wait until building is completed.

God has blessed the fine work started in Sogamoso by Mr. and Mrs. Montoya in 1955. There is now a devoted and active nucleus for a congregation. On December 9, 1956, the first eleven members were received by confirmation and adult baptism and four children were baptized. A wedding was scheduled for the same date, but due to delays in unwinding the red tape of the civil marriage, this had to be postponed a few days. Marriage by a Protestant clergyman is not accepted as legal in Colombia. Hence, the need for civil marriage in court first. The bride is the local day school teacher, a product of our Bible-high school. The groom, a former persecutor who used to delight in heaving stones at the windows of Pastor Hans Thoresen's home in Duitama, now sets type in the print shop owned and operated by one of our leading members. His accepting Christ and becoming a member of our church in Sogamoso, twenty minutes by car from Duitama, is an indication that not all of our labors and suffering in that city were in vain.

CH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

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mpiling national reports on rests.

loover gave these figures in ual FBI "Uniform Crime

l of 234,474 children under arrested in 1956. They arged with crimes ranging murder to petty larceny. ere nearly 39,000 more ar- t year than in 1955.

veniles who came into con- h the police, more than 40 had not yet reached their thday.

than 3,000 of these young were arrested for homicide, rape, or assault with a deadly weapon.

Youths under 18 represented almost two-thirds of all offenders arrested for auto theft, 50 per cent of those arrested for larceny, 53 per cent of those arrested for burglary, and 24 per cent of those arrested for armed robbery.

Some 139 juveniles were charged with murder in 1956, compared with 94 in 1955. A total of 840 were arrested for rape, 1,971 for aggravated assault, and 5,580 for other assaults. Two hundred and ninety-seven were arrested for narcotics law violations, compared with 249 the previous year.

MISSOURI SNYOD REPORTS 80,509 MEMBERSHIP GAIN

Membership in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod totaled 2,271,912 at the end of 1956, it was reported by the Rev. Armin Schroeder, synod statistician. He said the figure represents a gain of 80,509, or 3.7 per cent, over the previous year.

There are now 5,806 congregations in the synod, he said, and 488 "preaching places."

The annual statistics cover the 32 North American districts of the Church and the two South American districts—Argentina and Brazil.

Contributions to the denomination's work throughout the world in 1956 totaled $112,009,871, passing the

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Luther League Work

By U. E. L. C. Pastors

These are the final articles of the series written b U.E.L.C. pastors about their young people's work.

When adult counsellors are not needed

LUTHER LEAGUE WORK

By Pastor G . . .

The Apostle Paul declared that he became all things unto all men that he might by all means save some (1 Cor. 9:22). One of the problems in youth work is that of having an approach which is "all things unto all men." Outwardly, we may seem to have a moderately thriving League. But the membership tends to be made up mostly of young people who have a good deal in common, attend the same school, live in the same community, and enjoy being together. There are those that are left outside. Here is a young person who belongs to the church but attends a different school. He does not care to come to League meetings because the conversation tends to deal with people and matters which are not of interest to him. Another person enjoys rowdiness, and finds the meetings are too tame. What can we do so that our approach becomes "all things" as far as he is concerned? Another person is very pious and earnest. He comes once or twice, and that is all. There does not seem to be sufficient spiritual depth for him; furthermore, the business meeting was carried out in a rather disorderly manner and this made an unfavorable impression on him. Another person moves in a different circle of friends. "Pastor, can you not do something to get my boy interested in Luther League?" the parent asks. We mention the problem to the Leaguers, but they do not seem interested in making an approach to the person outside. Then there are those who want more activities. " our young people do not have enough to do; they have more parties and activities." But others fin there is already more than enough in the meetings, and work projects of the League, for they are also in in school organizations, home activities, part tim scouting, and similar activities. How shall we beco things unto all men" and meet the needs of those wh so much?

The problem is all the more acute because we with the limited resources of a narrow age gro wider age group would increase the resources of lea and experience. The less mature would learn fr more mature. The combination of experiences and points from the varied age groups would enrich the op tion. In such an organization, it would be necessary adult counsellors, other than the pastor. The young would have the resources to plan and present their pr themselves; they would have sufficient sense of resp ity to complete effectively the projects they initiate, the need of an adult to check up on whether th "following through." In a greater measure, the League would become "all things unto all men," more effectively a wider range of varied interests.

Write Youth Office at Blair

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

By Pastor H . . .

There have been many debates within the Church concerning what is the most important phase of the church's program. There are some who will say that we must concentrate on the work among our youth. Others come to the defense of the older people, while still others believe that our most important task is work with those who are now in their prime for they are the leaders of the hour.

Regardless of what viewpoint one might have on the above question, all will have to admit that Luther League work is very important. One cannot work with these young people without being reminded that here is the consecrated laity of tomorrow and here are the future clergy of the church. This is one department of the congregation's program where we fear having a failure, for so much is at stake.

While this is an important group, we realize that it is not the easiest group to work with. Our youth are willing to listen if the speaker has something to say. If they feel his message has little meaning for their lives, they will soon reveal their feelings. Our Luther Leaguers want action. They are filled with enthusiasm and a desire to "get the job done." When the action that they look for does not come, they begin to lose interest and their familiar complaint is, "Why bother with the league, they ne anything?"

This is the group that is in the process of "growi Many of them have been away to a Bible Camp an learned that they can stay away from home ov without dad and mother. This gives them the feeli have now reached adulthood. They know what i have a young man stop by and pick them up evening thus giving them a superior place over th brother who has to stay home with the folks. they have now "grown up" in their own thinkin no longer need to take orders from anyone and that is also displayed at the church. This can sometime forth the discipline problem.

Here is the age when we have our inferiority co coming forth. John or Mary is not getting the a that he or she would like to be getting at school try to satisfy this craving at league. If it cannot be in any other way, they will be able to let the gan they are there by being loud, contrary, moody or some other abnormal type of behavior.

Realizing the importance of the task but also the p that go along with conducting the youth progr

counselor, parish worker or intern can find himself ate of frustration. What shall he do? There are escapes. Perhaps he meets the problem by saying, ot a youth man." Another might say, "These kids problem today. I'm about ready to fold up and the league." At this point, he realizes that this is ing the problem so he calls in some of his young to talk to him. How different the young man s in private conversation in comparison to the way d at league on Sunday evening.

leader seeks to find out what can be done to improve gue program. It doesn't take the leaguer long to give uggestions. The leader is surprised when the young tells him that he comes to league primarily v in his Christian faith and not to be entertained. hurch just can't compete with the school and other in recreation," is the confession of the young per- Ve come to league realizing that something is offered ere that we cannot get in any other place.

n asked about his behavior, the leaguer admits that aving trouble growing up and needs some help. It mean he is a delinquent on the way to the state g school. It simply means that each day he is learning bout this world of which he is a part. When given responsibility around the league he no longer is oblem. Now he is receiving the attention he wanted time and does not have to become a clown to be by the girl who appeals to him.

interview continues and the leaguer talks about the hat is needed. Again the leader asks what he means on. To this the leaguer replies that at the Training School last summer he had learned about several projects that would make league work more interesting and that would make the league feel that it was doing some missionary work. We were also introduced to "Youth Programs." We were told about some of the material available at our Youth Office at Blair. If we could only use some of this material, it would liven up our league. The leader had seen the Youth Programs but didn't think they would help him. He had never written to the Youth Office for help because he had been opposed to such an office from the beginning and couldn't see where it would help him in his individual congregation. While the leaguer talked the leader listened, and after he had gone he began to look through the outline for the year that the young man had brought home from Training School. This certainly would help him. He looked over "Youth Programs" again and he got a lot of new ideas. He sat down and wrote a letter to the Youth Director and received a return letter in just a few days telling of the helps available to the pastor.

The attitude began to change. These kids really aren't so bad. They are just like I used to be. How wonderful it was to talk with the young man. I never realized he thought so deeply. Perhaps it is time to spend more time in praying for the league rather than criticizing it.

The next meeting rolled around. It wasn't a perfect meeting. There were still problems but the Word of God was planted. There was Christian fellowship—the Communion of Young Saints. God was at work. He can continue to hold these young people in their baptismal covenant. He can nurture their souls with the Bread of Life that will bless the church with a consecrated clergy and laity.

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eat majority comes back

THE CHURCH AND YOUTH

By Pastor I . . .

n considering the problem of youth work in the , we must first of all realize that youth representa- t worship and church activities, percentage wise, is than the other adult groups. Why do we then so discouraged when we reach only fifty per cent youth in Luther League work? Not much more than er cent of the ladies are really active in the Aid nission groups. And certainly when we come to the ften less than ten per cent are active in the Brother-

real reason for our concern in our youth is the age. It is so easy to go wrong at that age and do lose interest in the spiritual phase of life and are the Church for awhile. However, the great majority back when they are married and are ready to sh a home. They then see the value of God and His . The most active group in the Church today is the married group with children. Most of these young s **were not** active in the Luther League in their teens. ey are in the Church. From this we can draw the ng conclusions:

t part of our youth, like other segments of our bership, will attend worship but take part in no r church activity.

2. That unless there is a personal contact, youth is not interested in League work . . . which, by the way, explains why the leagues of larger congregations are not much bigger than those of small or medium sized churches. A worker can only have personal contact with so many.
3. That the real youth work is done on the local level. Headquarters can only suggest and give guidance. Our youth work cannot be strengthened by adding to the staff at headquarters. But it definitely can be strengthened by adding to the Church Staff on a local level.
4. That the youth worker must not be discouraged because there are so many "ups and downs" and especially the latter. This is true of other church organizations also.
5. That we must always remember that the basic spiritual youth work is done on Sunday mornings at the worship services.
6. That much of our youth work is merely a form of **glorified baby sitting.** It merely keeps them out of mischief (and sometimes not that) and that no basic spiritual impact is made.
7. That the pastor should definitely worry when the youth of the Church refuse to attend worship services. Then there is a failure, at least, for awhile.

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istic approach

LUTHER LEAGUE HELPS PASTOR KEEP FEET ON GROUND

By Pastor J . . .

n a pastor sets out to evaluate his ministry among ung people of his congregation, he has first to take his own emotions into hand. He is apt to be so in love with his successes or with himself as to make a fair

judgment impossible. He is bound to be closely involved in all the evidence and on the defensive. He should really never be asked for a statement except as a witness under oath. Even an unanimous opinion can be unfair and do inestimable damage in one direction or another.

There are certainly both joys and sorrows in youth work; it is not all one or the other. The wise pastor will enjoy his joys and feel his sorrows in moderation, lest he be deceived by the one or beaten by the other. After all, the immediate results of his efforts are not always the most lasting. Disappointments which come to the pastor and which also hurt some of his best young people may eventually, in the development of young character, be much more valuable than a momentary experience of success. Any pastor who wants to do more for his young people than present a well-prepared lesson will, when he has first tried to probe the mind of youth, find that they do help him keep his feet on the ground. They will snap him back to reality soon enough when he begins to taste success; they will respond to his genuine efforts when he persists in spite of his sorrows.

Such statements are, of course, all made in a general way. The specific problem on hand at any given time never seems to be covered by general statements. How is the pastor to cope with immaturity, irresponsibility, frivolity, and so many of the other sometime characteristics of youth? If he cares more about his young people as children of God than he does about the success of his plans in the Luther League, he will not so soon throw up his hands in despair. He will win their respect sooner by checking his own adult temper, remembering the love and patience of Jesus as He worked with His relatively immature apostles. As a matter of fact, he will soon begin to see possibilities in even the most disturbing rascals in the crowd. Never despair, but always love pays off.

Childishness, to which reference is made in the prec is one thing; worldliness is quite another. If his L Leaguers have not yet matured enough to eliminat select from the abundance of activities which invite and thus create the problem of calendar conflicts, th the pastor's challenge: to create situations for choi stimulate taste, to encourage loyalty for the best. W ness, on the other hand, is a more critical proble involves not only personality development, but the se of souls. In it are involved not only young peopl children and adults, too. Here is the distinctive wo the pastor for the whole congregation, including the people. He is more than a professional social worke is a man of prayer who cares about the soul of thi that boy. Until they mature spiritually, God gran they may, he walks among them and is a bond relates them to their Savior. He of all people cannot to give up in despair.

Many young people choose to be inactive in the L League, some not members at all. They are ofte cause of much concern. The true pastor will make business to understand these "outsiders" as well a Leaguers and be their pastor, too. It is not essentia every Christian youth deny his individuality in orc be counted a Christian. The Savior did not always the crowd in His day; neither does the pastor himsel to do so today. Such a pastor will see that he works one body of twenty Leaguers on Monday evening twenty other bodies of individuals on other occasion he will love them all.

Problems, failures, methods, joys, rewards, satisfact there is much of all of these. Nothing worth while is cheap, or impossible for him who proceeds in the str of the Lord and actually trusts that it is only the who can save this girl and that boy.

An "objective" evaluation

KEYS TO SUCCESSFUL LEAGUE WORK

By Pastor K . . .

I have heard the Luther League of the Lutheran Church referred to as the Luther "leak." Well, it's one phase of the Church's work where the leak shows up so easily and noticeably. So we get discouraged and even sometimes bitter about it. Defeat isn't easy to take. My own personal reaction is that we need to examine and evaluate our Luther League work more objectively. Perhaps we won't be so discouraged if we will take time to do this.

Luther League work is difficult? I suppose it is. So is work with adult members. Generally, our response with Leaguers is just as good proportionately as with our adults. We have "leaks" in our adult phase, too. Many of the same difficulties and attitudes confront us in working with adults as with teen-agers. Worldliness or secularism takes toll in our membership, young and old.

Where Are Our Hearts

Where are the hearts of our young people? If our young people have their hearts in the work of their Savior, Christ the Lord, they will very generally be strong in Luther League work. The old book of Proverbs says rightly: "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." If our young people after confirmation have lost the desire and heart, we will have a "tough" time keeping them in the Luther League. **One of the joys of this work is, however,** that sometimes we win and hold young people where we can't win the parents. Secularism or worldliness and the devil attack the heart. If we can be successful in fighting the devil right here, we will win in Luther League.

How About the Parents?

What kind of parental support do you have in church? Now some parents do their best in supporting young men and women in Luther League work, an we don't keep the leaguers. Generally, however, moral support and firm boosts from home, when folks are confirmed, will go a long way to keep them ing for the Lord in the fellowship of young Chri Parents ought to be wise enough to see through some excuses youngsters will come with to keep out of L League, but they aren't. Perhaps John or Grace are a bashful and don't like to be pushed out into the cold of fellowship with other folks whom they don't know well, or who go to a different high school and so report that the Luther League is run by a cliqu "we can't break the ice." "They don't pay any att to us, the programs aren't any good, etc. . ." If p will **really cooperate after** confirmation and put forth effort to support the "good confession" that the tee has made and encourage firmly we'll have a Luther L worth attending and worth working in. So sometim parental push makes the pastor's work difficult. F have told me more than once that they just "bro the youngsters that way and soon attendance at League was automatic and from the heart.

Pastor, How Young Are You?

One time we had a discussion with leaguers. I li I learned that one expression that really "tees off" agers is "when we were young" or "now when I

hool student." You see, that dates one. We have to ng now. Leaguers don't care so much about age is of years, as they do in terms of attitudes. We have this commission from the Lord Jesus and apply it We have to deal with life "now" in the light of ord and His principles. Admittedly, this isn't easy won't solve our problems entirely, but it'll go way. We won't always enjoy the games with them e did when we were fresh out of seminary, but st keep "alive and progressive" in mind and spirit.

Young Christian Stewards

her key to successful Luther League work is the oment of real Christian stewardship by the teen-themselves. Too often League work is difficult be-he officers and members do not use their time and as Christians. Ten percent of a young person's evoted to God and His kingdom specifically is good dship of time.

lunk subjects in high school when you can pass or d work is poor Christian stewardship of time and To sluff off your Luther League activities is poor an stewardship, too. Ten percent of your time should oted to God and His kingdom specifically at least. de some time for the Lord who called you into His m. Did you not learn that Christ died for you ler that you might be His own, live under Him in ngdom, and serve him in everlasting innocence, usness, and blessedness, even as he lives and reigns ll eternity."

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icult row to hoe

THE CHURCH'S YOUTH WORK

By Pastor L . . .

e sure, effective Luther League work in the con-on is a very difficult "row" for the pastor "to hoe." er, putting it just that way may hold a clue to the n of the problem which has many a pastor ready w up his hands and say, "what's the use of trying, seem to be making any headway!"

man, alone, attempting to do a job calling for a d hands is faced with a hopeless situation before ts. This is the crux of the problem seen through years of experience.

orts of solutions have been suggested. "Go modern!" try to do a job with a 'hoe' in this day and age calls for 'mechanized methods,' speed, and mass tion?" "Why not try some new methods?" We get uggestions thrown at us so often it only makes one These well-meaning advisors only betray their own ice and lack of understanding of the work the Lord t for His Church to do.

e first place, this is a "hoe job," ordained to be so he beginning by the Lord Himself. Furthermore, given us the "tools" to use, namely, His Word and Sacraments, and it is not for us to attempt to ute tools, but to learn to use the God-appointed means appointed purpose.

n dealing with the youth of the church, we are not vith a "mass production" problem. We are not out ng for a modern cultivator with which one man the job of many hoes. We are tending tender costly and precious plants, needing individual care rsonalized attention. One does not run a cultivator eenhouse full of rare hybrids. The need is for more of these tender plants, more who are willing to learn me hard working and trained users of the hoe.

congregations need to take a fresh look at the youth t home and in the church at large. Too long they

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THE WEEK AT DANA

your midcontinent college

Recognition From New York--

The International Nickel Company Presents $2000 to Dana College

Several weeks ago Dr. W. A. Mudge of the International Nickel Company visited Dana College. During his day on the campus he observed the college in action and interviewed members of the administrative staff and faculty. He showed a deep interest in the institution and indicated a warm appreciation of the efforts being made to improve both instruction and facilities.

This week a gift of $2,000 was received from the New York office of The International Nickel Company. In an accompanying letter to Dr. C. C. Madsen, Mr. Henry S. Wingate, president of the firm, wrote:

As a result of conversations during Dr. Mudge's recent visit with you, I am happy to advise you that our new program for aid to education in the United States includes a gift of $2,000 to Dana College for the contribution which it has made to education in the liberal arts during the past 60 years.

The Company's check in this amount is enclosed and we trust that you will use the gift, as you consider best, to strengthen and expand your part in the future of our Country.

The following are excerpts from President Madsen's reply:

It is my privilege to express to you the sincere gratitude of all of us here at Dana College, and of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church which supports our College, for your gift of two thousand dollars which arrived in today's mail. We plan to use this generous grant toward renovating and improving the science area in one of our classroom buildings. This much needed improvement will enable us to offer better instruction for the increasing number of students we anticipate serving during the next few years.

Your recognition of the importance and potential of the smaller church related colleges in this era of increasing educational needs is a source of genuine inspiration and encouragement of all of us who serve in the cause of Christian Liberal Arts Education. I assure you that we, together with the many loyal alumni and friends of Dana College, will be motivated to more confident effort and earnest stewardship by the trust expressed in your gift.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Ed

FREE TO COME TO GOD

By Ruth Holt

We are free to come to God in many ways:

I. Into His Kingdom - through Baptism

We are very fortunate indeed to have been able to come to God when we were just little children. We came to God through the Sacrament called Baptism.

Baptism is not simply water, but it is water "used according to God's command and connected with God's Word." God's Word says, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19.

God also said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned." Mark 16:16.

What gifts or benefits does Baptism bestow? "It works forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe."

Although Baptism is the way that we first come to God, we draw near to Him also in other ways.

II. Into His Presence - Through Prayer

This is a very important part of living, for without prayer we cannot continue in our relationship with God.

First of all, let us ask the question, "What is prayer?" Prayer is a communion with God in which we bring all our joys and sorrows to Him as our dear friend. We pray because God wants us to pray and because we want to pray. As it says in Luke 18:1, "And He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray," and in I Timothy 2:8, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere."

God does not always answer prayers according to the way we ask, but He answers prayers according to His wisdom. He knows what is best for us. God hears all prayers, the little as well as the big. We have His Word that He does, for in Isaiah 65:24 it says, "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

When we pray to God we should pray in the name of Jesus, that is, in true faith. It is like this. Suppose you went to a bank where you are not known and tried to draw out money. The banker would say, "I do not know you; you have no money here." But suppose you went to that bank with a certified check signed by someone the banker knew. He would give you the money without question.

We have no merit of our own before God. As sinners we could not ask for blessings and expect to r them, but Jesus died for our sins. If we believ and accept Him as our Saviour, then we have and are God's children. Then all the promises o are ours in Christ. To be in faith is to be in C to pray in faith is to pray not in our own nam in His.

III. Into His Fellowship - through the Church

The church is another of the great privileges th have. But we don't often think of it as a pri because most of us have never been to those cu where there is no freedom of religion. It we in a land where a person could not believe and to God in public, we would realize how lucky w Yet people stay home from church because the tired after staying out too late the night before o don't want to bother to get up and prepare for c although they will stay home to work about the and yard or read the Sunday paper or watch T.V.

Why do we call the church the Holy Chr Church? It is because it is the communion of that is, the fellowship of all those who truly b in Christ. We go to the Lutheran church be we believe that the Lutheran church teaches the of God in truth and purity.

Does it make any difference to which religion belongs? Yes, the Word of God earnestly against all false teaching and teachers. It says John 4:1, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but tr spirits whether they are of God, because many prophets are gone out into the world." And in Gal I:4 it says, "If any man preach any other gospel unt than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

It is the duty of every Christian to unite w faithful congregation and do his part in all its wor

IV. Into His Truth - through the Word

We can enter into God's truth through the It is very important that we abide in God's Wor in John 8:31-32 it says, "If ye abide in my word, are ye truly my disciples, and ye shall know the and the truth shall make you free."

We abide in Christ's Word when we use it, it, and obey it. If we do not read God's Wor cannot find the truth about God, and this is whe cannot stand up for Him in certain cases. For exa many young people get into discussions about Word and the different ways of the churches. person doesn't know what God has to say on subjects, he cannot really present the true pi Therefore it is very important that we learn about Word. We can do this through devotions, confirm

class, Bible study, worship, and any of the other unities that our church offers. Christians who to grow in God's Word should make use of all of

to His Life - through the Sacraments

can enter into God's life through the sacraments. Sacrament of Baptism we enter as little children. re baptized in the name of the Father and of the nd of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the we partake of bread and wine, and "in, with, nder" the bread and wine we receive the Body and of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sacrament of the Altar has many names. It led the Sacrament of the Altar because it is y celebrated at the altar. It is also called the Supper because our Lord instituted it at the g meal before His betrayal and death. It is Communion because by it Christians are brought nion with Christ and with one another.

en we received the Sacrament of Baptism, we e children of God; when we partake of the ment of the Altar, we again know that our sins rgiven as we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

y don't we all come to God through these fine

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A DIFFICULT ROW TO HOE

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have had a "let George do it" attitude: let the pastor do it; he has been trained for just that purpose. The facts are clear. "George" is indeed willing but unable to hoe the whole field alone.

Another thing. Youth work simply cannot succeed as long as it is treated as a "congregational hobby" for those who might be interested, which few are. As long as the Luther League is treated as an auxiliary organization, left to shift for itself as it best can, we will never see desired results.

The League must be made a part of the congrega program, the ministry to youth, wisely directed and cially supported by the whole congregation. Consec men and women must be chosen to counsel with the people; learn to know and appreciate their problem point to the solution in the living Word. Then th many consecrated "hoers" entering the fields white harvest with the pastor, Christ will accomplish His m of grace in our youth for which we look and pray.

Some advice on how

LEAGUE WORK REWARDING

By Pastor M . . .

When I think of the future of the church and the present younger generation who will make up the church in the years to come, I cannot be pessimistic. Young people today are not much different from young people of a generation or two ago. They are, however, facing a more hostile world than that faced by other generations, and they are confronted with more critical problems than their elders faced. If there ever was a time when young people needed to be shown love, concern, and guidance, it is now.

Young people today are receptive to the message of the Gospel. They will also respond when it comes to giving of their time, talents and treasures in the service of God. They are open and straight-forward; they are frank and willing to ask questions and discuss spiritual things. They can talk freely in public concerning their faith often with less embarrassment and hesitancy than that shown by adults.

There are difficulties and problems in connection with all phases of church work, to be sure, but I find no more in our Luther League work than in any other activity or organization. To me, Luther League work has been rewarding and satisfying. The response has been gratifying, and the joys have exceeded the disappointments.

I offer no easy formula or sure-fire method with guaranteed results. I am no expert and our League is no model league. There are many times when I have failed and many opportunities have been missed. However, I might mention a few things which I believe have been of help in conducting our Luther League program.

1. The inclusion of young people who are in the Senior Confirmation class in our Luther League work has helped hold the young person after confirmation. It provides a tie-in with League during this instruction period which helps keep the interest of the young people. Since we confirm our youth at the end of the ninth grade, these young people are old enough to have much in common with those who have been confirmed. They have been accepted very well and they feel welcome.

2. The time of the meeting is an important factor often forgotten. It is useless to schedule meetings of y people when there are apt to be conflicts with schoo other activities. We have found that a supper me on Sunday evenings, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., is the time.

3. Leaguers must be put to work; they must feel have a part in the program. For the pastor to be in charge of every meeting gives the young people no o tunity for participation. I have found that the best r are obtained when the Leaguers are put in full char the program, making all the plans and carrying them The pastor is present to counsel, guide discussions, speak occasionally. The young people do very well i on their own and show much more interest and conce

4. Adult counsellors are a real help to the past relieving him of much of the detail of League work. young people, too, appreciate the services of these a A young couple in the congregation forms an ideal cou ling team. Their presence at each meeting can do to make the meeting orderly and profitable.

5. A varied program and varied activities will do mu create and sustain interest. Young people like va and their enthusiasm for Luther League work is gr dependent upon this factor. There is danger here t majority of the League activities be of a recreational na such as bowling, roller skating, picnics, swimming, pa etc. When these things are overemphasized, interest soon drop. Young people can get enough of these acti elsewhere. League meetings should provide something tinctive; something they cannot get elsewhere. Every ing should provide contain a devotional part, and majority of the meetings should consist of Bible S topics for discussion, or brief messages by the pastor others.

I don't want to give the impression that I have s all the problems and that our League is the "perfect lea However, I do believe that Luther League work ca inspiring and filled with many joys and blessings.

OURI SYNOD REPORTS

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Pastor L. M. Andersen
Herbert A. Christensen
President of the congregation

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The convention Meals Committee of Our Savior's Church has made plans to serve family style lunches and rs in the church Fellowship Hall from Friday noon through Tuesday noon. A meal ticket covering all meals with the exception of the Saturday night dinner is available at a cost of $9.00 per person. The day night dinner is to be the W.M.S. banquet and tickets will be available at the opening of the con- on at a cost of $2.00 per person. Individual meal tickets for all other meals may be had at a cost of $1.00 nches and $1.50 for dinners. It might be added that all evening meals will be banquet style.

Subsequent issues of The Ansgar Lutheran will carry more convention news such as transportation in- ation etc.

Start making your plans now to attend.

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Ferndale, Calif., Our Saviour's Luth. Church	300.00		100.00		100.00	
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Silver Anniv. Off. Ladies Guild, Hussar, Can.	10.35		5.35		5.00	
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Racine, Wis., Emmaus Ev. Luth. Church, quota paid in full	38.00		38.00			
Rutland, Ia., Rutland Trinity Luth. Ladies Aid	150.00		150.00			
Kenmare, N. Dak., Nazareth Luth. Church, quota paid in full	945.59		945.59			
Winnipeg, Canada, St. Ansgar Luth. Church	49.00		49.00			
Lynwood, Calif., St. Paul's Luth. Church, quota paid in full	1064.85		1064.85			
Atlantic, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church, quota paid in full	1960.00		1960.00			
TOTAL RECEIVED	331475.16	19726.23	132531.52	33517.76	70888.78	7873.93
1956-57 Budget	339317.00	19404.00	143033.00	32103.00	70662.00	7800.00
Percentages (approximate)	100 Pct.	.06	.42	.10	.21	.02

This report closes the fiscal year 1956-57. A hearty and grateful thanks to all the loyal supporters of Synod. May 11, 1957. P. V. H.

SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Total Received	Foreign Missions (Where Most Needed)	1956 Luth. World Action	South Amer. Mission	Japan Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission
Previously acknowledged (May 4, 1957)	34571.71	4217.94	8323.76	4340.93	5671.31	3388.26	8081.98	407.11
Luck, Wis., First English Ev. Luth. Church	31.00		31.00					
From the Sunday School	16.60				16.60			
Ferndale, Calif., Our Saviour's Luth. Church $5 from Helene Miller and $5 Elsie Petersen	10.00			10.00				
Racine, Wis., From members of Our Sav. Church	28.00	28.00						
Norwalk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church	200.00	200.00						
No. Hollywod, Calif., Valley Luth. Church	36.05	8.50				27.55		
From the Sunday School	73.60	73.60						
Milltown, Wis., Milltown Luth. S. S.	30.39					30.39		
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church for Hungarian Relief from the Homebuilders	25.00		25.00					
Poy Sippi, Wis., First Luth. Church, 1957 quota paid in full—offering	260.38		260.38					
Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Luth. S. S.	24.67	24.67						
Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Luth. Church, 1957 quota paid in full	20.82		20.82					
Omaha, Nebr., from Mrs. Anna Nelsen, in memory of Mrs. J. C. Bertelsen, Brooklyn, New York and Mrs. Helen Granholm, Omaha, Nebr.	5.00		5.00					
Lindsay, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church in memory of Pastor Joseph Rasmussen	7.50				7.50			
Neloa, Ia., St. Paul Luth. S. S.	80.60				80.60			
Camp Douglas, Wis., St. Stephen's Luth. Church	14.14	4.14	10.00					
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. S. S. for Rebeccah	60.00					60.00		
Kimballton, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church	70.25	70.25						
Elk Horn, Ia., Elk Horn Luth. Church from Mr. and Mrs. John Leistad	10.00					10.00		
Cotesfield, Nebr., Dannevirke Luth. Church	5.00	5.00						
Lincoln, Nebr., Our Saviour's Luth. S. S. for Bible Evangelist "Shem"	25.00						25.00	
Ruskin, Nebr., From Mr. and Mrs. Chris Laursen in memory of Marius Goldbeck	5.00			5.00				
Blair, Nebr., Women's Miss. Society Synodical Treasurer:								
From Circuit No. 5, Ia. Dist. meeting at Moorhead, Ia.	37.59			10.00	10.00	7.59	10.00	
From Ill. Dist. W.M.S. Project	150.00			150.00				
For a Native Bible Student	150.00				150.00			

nemberships from Valley Luth. Women of the Church,										
Iollywood for Mrs. Ingaborg Aagaard of No. Hol-										
wood, Mrs. Catherine Andersen of Burbank, Calif.,										
nd Mrs. Georgia Paulsen of Sunland, Calif.										
Calif., Bethany Luth. Church from Mr. and Mrs. Har	20.25			20.25						
ansen										
Calif., Our Sav. Luth. Church from friends in memory	40.00		40.00							
ain Johansen, Fowler, Calif.										
a., St. Paul's Luth. S. S.	12.00	12.00								
glas, Wis., St. Stephen's Luth. Church	100.00		100.00							
	3.61	3.61								
Total received since Jan. 1, 1957	36124.16	4647.71	8815.96	4536.18	5936.01	3523.79	8116.98	407.11	140.42	
get	114018.64		49718.64	16000.00	23300.00	8000.00	17000.00			
es (approximate)	100 Pct.		.44	.14	.20	.07	.15			

SE NOTE: In the May 6 No. 18 issue of the A. L. it should have been credited to Dannevirke Luth. Church from the Ladies Aid Elba Luth. Church.
with thanks.

May 11, 1957, Blair, Nebraska.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer.

AND NOTES

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was an approximate atten- 450.

astor gave his farewell mes- nday at the regular morning with the church again filled flowing. His final sermon ed on the theme, "Faith and

g his ten years in Exira, pastor was active in the affairs of mmunity and schools, as well hurch. He served as the first t of the Exira Parents-Teach- ociation. The best wishes of rch and community follow the o their new location.

ANNOUNCEMENT

st Annual Convention of the vangelical Lutheran Church held at Our Savior's Lu- Church, Racine, Wisconsin, 18. The opening services will hursday evening, June 13 at The convention will continue Tuesday noon. Kindly re- that Wisconsin is on Central Saving Time.

ngregations are urged to send , one delegate for each fifty (twenty-one years or over) fraction thereof. Delegates ase have credential blanks it, bring to the convention ent to the Credential Com-

atters which require conven- on should be in the hands hurch Council by June 1st.

Pre-Convention Reports are through the pastors of the tions. We urge all, both and congregation to give l consideration to all the re- May God grant His blessing 61st Annual Convention!

William Larsen, President
Lawrence Siersbeck, Secretary

Angeles, California. Pastor . Petrusson was recently in- s a member of the regular of the California Lutheran hool. The festive service took the Angelica Lutheran Church Messages appropriate to the were given by Pastor Bernt al, President and Pastor . Pastor Maynard A. Force, Pastor T. G. Torvik, Chair- he Board served as officiants.

The Olivet Lutheran Church Choir rendered several numbers. The women of the C.L.B.S. Auxiliary, which now has a membership of over 900, served refreshments at the social gathering which followed.

While Pastor Petrusson assumed his place on the faculty in January, the formal installation was delayed for one term to make possible the presence of Pastor Bernt C. Opsal, who also serves as president of the Lutheran Bible Institutes of Minneapolis, Seattle, and Teaneck, N. J. The Petrusson home address is now 10220 3rd Avenue, Inglewood 4, California.

Selma, California. The seventh annual Æbleskive Fest sponsored by the Senior League of Pella Lutheran was held on May 7 in the social hall. An average attendance of between four and five hundred is realized yearly, and the proceeds used for church property improvement or mission work. The general committee in charge was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis R. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rasmussen and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith.

THE NORTH DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

The Fifty-sixth annual convention of the North Dakota-Montana District will be held at the Dane Valley Ebenezer Lutheran Church, McCabe, Montana, June 23-25, 1957.

The theme of the convention is "Giving Diligence to Keep the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace." All congregations are urged to send delegates.

The convention is being held in connection with the 50th anniversary celebration of the host congregation. We ask you to note carefully the invitation extended by the host congregation below.

Pastor Silas Larsen, President
Pastor Ejvind H. Nielsen, Secretary

The Dane Valley Ebenezer Lutheran Congregation, McCabe, Montana, extends its cordial invitation to the North Dakota-Montana 56th annual convention as announced above. Besides the pastors and official delegates, we want to welcome, too, all other members and friends of our District who may wish to spend these days with us. We especially wish to welcome you to our 50th anniversary celebration on Sunday, the first day of the convention.

May we request your cooperation; that you announce your intention of being with us, the time of your coming, especially that you will be with us on Sunday.

Lodging and breakfast will be furnished in our private homes. Dinner and supper will be served at the church.

Please announce your coming to the registration committee, Mr. Kenneth Olsen, McCabe, Mont. Phone: Culbertson 091-F-13.

Mrs. Frank Nelsen, Secretary
Theo. M. Hansen, Pastor

The 61st Annual Convention

Our Savior's Lutheran Church at Racine, Wis., is the host to the Synodical Convention June 13-18.

The lodging committee is anxious to have your registration as soon as possible.

Send it to Mrs. Auge Jensen, 826 Orchard Street, Racine, Wis.
You may use the form provided on page 13 in the Ansgar Lutheran of April 29.

Each annual convention from now till 1960 will be very important. There are many things to be done before the merger.

The U.E.L.C. is a very happy church. May 4, we only needed $19,000 to reach our synodical budget. It seems as we will almost reach it. Let us thank God for that.

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